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SUBJ: VISIT TO AFSOUTH/SIGONELLA/USS NIMITZ

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1. GROUP OF SIX JOURNALISTS AND POLITICAL LEADERS FROM TRIESTE/VENICE AREA VISITED AFSOUTH, SIGONELLA, AND USS NIMITZ MARCH 10-15. SIX ARTICLES (IN THE MESSAGGERO VENETO, IL GAZZETTINO AND IL PICCOLO) HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED SO FAR (419 COLUMN INCHES AND 6 PHOTOS) WITH PERHAPS ANOTHER HALF DOZEN IN THE TYPEWRITERS.

2. HIGHLIGHTS OF TRIP WERE BRIEFING BY AND MEETING WITH
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LT. GENERAL ROBERT C. MCALISTER, CHIEF OF STAFF, AFSOUTH, BRIEFING AT SIGONELLA, AND TWO-DAY VISIT TO NUCLEAR AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS NIMITZ. EXCELLENT BALANCE OF BRIEFINGS AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE BROUGHT HOME DIVERSITY AND IMPORTANCE OF MEDITERRANEAN IN ALLIANCE SCHEME OF THINGS AND IMPRESSED ON GROUP ITALY'S KEY ROLE IN THESE MATTERS.

3. VISIT TO NIMITZ ENDED WITH SHIP'S ARRIVAL IN VENICE WHERE ADMIRAL SCHOULTZ, COMMANDER, CTF 60, AND CAPT. GASKILL, CO, USS NIMITZ, AND THEIR STAFFS HOSTED LOCAL LEADERS ABOARD SHIP AND MET WITH PRESS. GREAT INTEREST IN NIMITZ AND MATTER OF FACT ATTITUDE TOWARDS ITS 1GVULSION ARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHIP'S CANDID, RESPONSIVE AND COMPLETE BRIEFING OF THE PRESS. IN FACT MANY OF OUR CONTACTS AND FRIENDS IN VENICE HOPE THE NIMITZ CAN GET IN CLOSER DURING ITS NEXT VISIT TO PERMIT PUBLIC VISITING. WARM WELCOME OF NIMITS OF COURSE REFLECTS AT THE SAME TIME THE NORTHEAST'S DEEP APPRECIATION OF THE SIXTH FLEET AND ITS STABILIZING ROLE IN THIS AREA.

4. RELEVANT PRESS CLIPPINGS ARE BEING POUCHED TO ACTION ADDRESSEES. MOEN.

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